

Docket No. 220041US0PCT
IN RE APPLICATION OF: Akihiro TORITANI, et al.
SERIAL NO: 10/049,653
FILED: June 12, 2002
FOR: POYMER PARTICLE PRODUCTION METHOD



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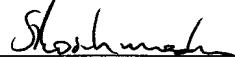
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
AKIHIRO TORITANI ET AL : GROUP ART UNIT: 1711
SERIAL NO.: 10/049,653 :
FILED: JUNE 12, 2002 : EXAMINER: ASINOVSKY, O.
FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING POLYMER PARTICLE

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action of January 29, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 14, lines 15-23 with the following paragraph.

A coagulation step, slurry particle crushing step and solidification step were carried out using a continuous tank coagulation process consisting of an overflow stirring tank having an internal volume of 1.5 m³ (coagulation tank, equipped with a Faudler vane having an inner diameter of 1.4 m and vane diameter of 0.9 m), a soft crusher coupled downstream from this overflow stirring tank with a pipe from the overflow port of this stirring tank (Komatsu Zenoah Co., "KD125MS" Disintegrator, Figs. 1 and 2) and two 3 m² overflow stirring tanks coupled downstream from this soft crusher (first and second solidification

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